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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph starting at line 25 of page 16 with the following amended paragraph:

Still Further, an auto-discovery technique could be utilized to provide information with respect to some connections within the network. For instance, one auto-discovery technique that could be utilized with the present invention is disclosed within a U.S. patent application ~~xxxxxxx~~ 09/472,124 entitled ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ NETWORK AUTODISCOVERY IN ALL – OPTICAL NETWORK, by ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Jim A. Devette, Now issued to Patent Number 6,718,141, assigned to the assignee of the present invention and herein incorporated by reference.